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**Mail Stop Patent Application**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: BEVERAGES CONTAINING PLANT STEROLS  
Inventor(s): Erich P. LERCHENFELD and Donald E. STRIEGEL

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 42 pages, including title page, abstract, 3 independent claims and 43 claims total.
2. Drawings- 2 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-2).

3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$ 770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	43	-	20	23	x \$18	414.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	0	x \$86	0
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 1184.00

4. A check for \$1184 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$770 filing fee; and  
\$414 additional claims fee.

This application is a continuation-in-part of prior Application No. 10/458,692, filed June 11, 2003. This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

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This application will be completed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) upon receiving a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due and any other fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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